

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5        The invention provides compositions and novel polynucleotides and their encoded proteins that serve as  
surrogate markers in that they co-express with genes known to be involved associated with disorders associated  
with cardiac muscle function. The invention also provides expression vectors, host cells, proteins encoded by  
the polynucleotides and antibodies which specifically bind the proteins. The invention also provides methods  
for the diagnosis, prognosis, evaluation of therapies and treatment of disorders associated with cardiac muscle  
10    function.